CHAPTER 1101

ELECTIONS

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AN ACT to revise certain statutes relating to elections which were amended or affected by passage of chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, and which appear in chapters thirty-nine (39), forty-three (43), forty-four (44), forty-seven (47), forty-nine (49), fifty (50), fifty-two (52), fifty-three (53), sixty-nine (69), two hundred seventy-three (273), two hundred seventy-five (275), two hundred seventy-seven (277), two hundred seventy-eight (278), two hundred seventy-nine (279), two hundred eighty A (280A), two hundred ninety-six (296), two hundred ninety-eight (298), three hundred sixty-three (363), and six hundred nine (609) of the Code, chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, and chapter two hundred (200), Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, and to revise and clarify a temporary statute appearing in chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section thirty-nine point four (39.4), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section four (4), is amended to read as follows:

39.4 Proclamation concerning revision of Constitution. In the years in which the Constitution requires, or at other times when the general assembly by law provides for, a vote on the question of calling a convention and revising the Constitution, the governor shall at least sixty days before the general election issue a proclamation directing that at the general election there be proposed to the people the following question:

"Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution, and amend the propose amendment or amendments to same?"

SEC. 2. Section thirty-nine point twenty-three (39.23), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

39.23 Township clerk. There shall be elected, biennially at the general election held in the year 1974 and every four years thereafter, in each civil township one township clerk, who shall hold his office for the term of two four years.

SEC. 3. Section forty-three point four (43.4), unnumbered paragraphs one (1) and two (2), Code 1973, are amended to read as follows:

Delegates to county conventions of political parties and party committeemen shall be elected at precinct caucuses held not later than the second Monday in May of each election even-numbered year. The state central committee of each political party shall set the date for said caucuses. In accordance therewith, the county central committee of each political party shall issue the call for said caucuses. The county chairman shall file with the county auditor commissioner the meeting place of each precinct caucus at least seven days prior to the date of holding such caucus.

There shall be selected among those present at a precinct caucus a chairman and a secretary who shall forthwith certify to the county central committee and the county auditor commissioner the names of those elected as party committeemen and delegates to the county con-

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- SEC. 4. Section forty-three point eleven (43.11), subsection one (1), Code 1973, and subsection two (2), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section eighteen (18), are amended to read as follows:
 - 1. For an elective county office, in the office of the county commissioner of elections at least fifty five days not later than five o'clock p.m. on the fifty-fifth day prior to the day fixed for holding the primary election.
 - 2. For United States senator, for an elective state office, for representative in Congress, and for member of the general assembly, in the office of the state commissioner not more earlier than eighty-five days nor less than sixty-seven days later than five o'clock p.m. on the sixty-seventh day prior to the day fixed for holding said the primary election.
 - SEC. 5. Section forty-three point twenty (43.20), unnumbered paragraph one (1) and subsections one (1) and two (2), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section twenty-two (22), are amended to read as follows:

Nomination papers shall be signed by eligible electors as follows:

- 1. If for a state office, or United States senator, by at least one percent of the voters of the *candidate's* party of such candidates, in each of at least ten counties of the state, and in the aggregate not less than one-half of one percent of the total vote of his the candidate's party in the state, as shown by the last general election.
- 2. If for a representative in Congress, in districts composed of more than one county, by at least two percent of the voters of his the candidate's party, as shown by the last general election, in each of at least one-half of the counties of the district, and in the aggregate not less than one percent of the total vote of his the candidate's party in such district, as shown by the last general election. If for a representative in the general assembly, not less than fifty voters of the representative district; and if for a senator in the general assembly, not less than one hundred voters of the senatorial district.
- SEC. 6. Section forty-three point twenty (43.20), subsection three (3), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section twenty-two (22), is amended to read as follows:
- 3. If for an office to be filled by the voters of the county or for the office of county supervisor elected from a district within the county, by at least two percent of the party vote in the county or supervisor district, as shown by the last general election, or by at least one hundred persons, whichever is less.
 - SEC. 7. Section forty-three point twenty-one (43.21), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section twenty-three (23), is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
 - 43.21 Township office. The name of a candidate for a township office shall be printed on the official primary ballot of his party if he

files his personal affidavit, in the form prescribed by section fortythree point eighteen (43.18) of the Code, with the commissioner not 9 later than five o'clock p.m. of the fifty-fifth day prior to the primary 10 11 election. If prior to that time there is presented to the commissioner a nomination paper signed by at least ten eligible electors of the town-12 ship requesting that the name of any person be placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for a township office, and the nomination paper is not accompanied by the candidate's personal affidavit, the commis-13 14 15 sioner shall advise the candidate that such an affidavit is required 16 17 before his name may be placed on the ballot.

SEC. 8. Section forty-three point forty-five (43.45), subsection six (6), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section thirty-two (32) is amended to read as follows:

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6. Seal the precinct election register and the tally sheets and certificates of the election judges in an envelope, or other secure container, on the outside of which are written or printed in perpendicular columns the names of the several political parties with the names of the candidates for the different offices under their party name, and opposite each candidate's name enter the number of votes cast for such candidate in said precinct.

SEC. 9. Section forty-three point forty-six (43.46), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section thirty-three (33), is amended to read as follows:

43.46 Delivering returns. Said judges and clerks shall deliver the election register, tally sheets, certificates, envelopes containing ballots, and all unused supplies, within twenty feur heurs two days after the close of the polls, to the commissioner who shall carefully preserve the returns and envelopes in the condition in which received and deliver them to the county board of canvassers.

SEC. 10. Section forty-three point forty-eight (43.48), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

43.48 Elector may ascertain vote cast. Any elector of the county shall have the right, before the day fixed for canvassing the returns, to ascertain the vote cast for any candidate in any precinct in the county, as shown on the outside of the envelope containing the pellbooks election register.

SEC. 11. Section forty-three point fifty-nine (43.59), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

43.59 Death or resignation of candidates.

1. When any primary candidate dies or resigns between the date for filing nomination papers and the holding of the primary election, the appropriate county, *legislative district*, or state central committee or district convention may place one additional name on the ballot.

2. Candidates nominated in primary elections may withdraw their names from the nominations any time prior to sixty-five days preceding the general election and the appropriate county, *legislative district*, or state central committee or district convention shall designate a person to fill such vacancy. Vacancies shall be filled by the appropriate

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SEC. 12. Section forty-three point sixty-six (43.66), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section forty-four (44), is amended to read as follows:

Write-in candidates. 43.66 The fact that the candidate who receives the highest number of votes cast for any party's nomination for an office to which section forty-three point fifty-two (43.52) or 43.65 of the Code is applicable is a person whose name was not printed on the official primary election ballot shall not affect the validity of the person's nomination as a candidate for that office in the general election. However, if there is no candidate on the official primary ballot of a political party for nomination to a particular office, a write-in candidate may obtain the party's nomination to that office in the primary if the candidate receives a number of votes equal to at least thirty-five percent of the total vote cast for all of that party's candidates for that office in the last preceding primary election for which the party had candidates on the ballot for that office. When two or more nominees are required, the division procedure prescribed in section forty-three point fifty-two (43.52) of the Code shall be applied to establish the minimum number of write-in votes necessary for nomination. If the primary is inconclusive, the necessary nominations shall be made in accordance with section forty-three point ninety-seven (43.97), forty-three point one hundred one (43.101), or forty-three point one hundred nine (43.109) of the Code, whichever is applicable.

SEC. 13. Section forty-three point seventy-three (43.73), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section forty-eight (48), is amended to read as follows:

43.73 State commissioner to certify nominees. Not less than fifty-five days before the general election the state commissioner shall certify to each commissioner, under separate party headings, the name of each person nominated as shown by the official canvass made by the executive council, or as certified to him by the proper persons when any person has been nominated by a convention or by a party committee, or by petition, his place of residence, the office to which he is nominated, and the order in which the tickets of the several political parties shall appear on the official ballot.

SEC. 14. Section forty-three point seventy-four (43.74), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section forty-nine (49), is amended to read as follows:

43.74 Certificate in case of additional nominations. If, after the foregoing certificate has been forwarded, other authorized nominations are certified to the state commissioner, including nominations to be voted on at any time at a special election, the state commissioner shall at once, in the form provided in section 43.73, certify said nominations to the commissioners with a statement showing the reason therefor. Authorized nominations must be submitted to the state commissioner

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Section forty-three point seventy-five (43.75), Code 1973, SEC. 15. is amended to read as follows:

Tie vote. In case of a tie vote resulting in no nomination for any office, the tie shall forthwith be determined by lot by the board of canvassers, or judges of election, as the ease may be.

Section forty-three point eighty-four (43.84), unnumbered paragraphs one (1) and two (2) and subsection two (2), Code 1973, are amended to read as follows:

There shall be a legislative representative district central committee for each legislative representative district, which committee shall be composed of the same precinct members chosen for each county central committee and who reside within that part of the county located within the legislative representative district. A senate legislative central committee shall be composed of the two legislative representative central committees from the two representative districts comprising the senate district. The precinct members of the legislative representative district central committee for the various parts of counties comprising the representative district or senatorial district, as the case may be, shall meet and, organize by election of officers, on the next Monday following their election and conduct business as appropriate at some convenient place within the legislative district to be chosen by the state chairman.

The committee shall meet in convention, on call of the state chairman to:

- 2. Make nominations of candidates for the party to membership in the general assembly when no nomination exists due to the failure of any candidate to file nomination papers for such office, when no candidate for such office has been nominated at the preceding primary election by reason of the failure of any candidate to receive the legally required number of votes cast by such party therefor, or to place a name on the ballot as authorized under section forty-three point fiftynine (43.59) of the Code if such convention is held following the preceding primary election.
- Section forty-three point one hundred one (43.101), unnumbered paragraph one (1) and subsection one (1), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

Each political party shall hold a senatorial, representational or congressional district convention in districts composed of more than one

- 1. When no nomination was made in the primary election for the office of senator or representative in the general assembly, or of representative in Congress, as the ease may be, because of the failure of a candidate to file nomination papers for such office, failure of any candidate to receive the legally required number of votes cast by his party for such candidates, or to place a name on the ballot as authorized under subsection one (1) of section forty-three point fifty-nine (43.59) of the Code.
- SEC. 18. Section forty-three point one hundred two (43.102), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section fifty-seven (57), 4 is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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43.102 Call for district convention. When a district convention is called for any of the purposes listed in section forty-three point one hundred one (43.101) of the Code, a copy of the call stating the number of delegates to which each county or portion of a county will be entitled, and the time, place and purpose of the convention shall be filed at the earliest practicable time with the commissioner of each county in which any part of the district is located. The call for the convention shall be issued by the congressional district chairman, as soon as practicable after the necessity for a congressional district convention is known.

SEC. 19. Section forty-four point four (44.4), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136),

section seventy-one (71), is amended to read as follows:

Nominations made under the provisions of this chapter, chapter 43 and chapter 45 which are required to be filed in the office of the state commissioner shall be filed in said that office not more than eighty-five nor less than sixty-seven days later than five o'clock p.m. on the sixtyseventh day prior to the date of the general election to be held in November; and those nominations made for a special election called pursuant to section sixty-nine point fourteen (69.14) of the Code shall be filed not less than twenty days prior to the date of an election called upon at least forty days' notice and not less than seven days prior to the date of an election called upon at least ten days' notice. Nominations made pursuant to this chapter and chapter forty-five (45) of the Code which are required to be filed in the office of the commissioner shall be filed in said that office not less later than five o'clock p.m. on the fifty-five days fifty-fifth day prior to the date of said the general election. Such nominations Nominations made under this chapter or chapter forty-five (45) of the Code for city office shall be filed not more than sixty-five days nor less later than five o'clock p.m. on the forty days fortieth day prior to the city election with the city clerk, who shall process them as provided by law.

SEC. 20. Section forty-four point eleven (44.11), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section seventy-six (76), is amended to read as follows:

44.11 Vacancies filled. If a candidate named under this chapter declines a nomination, or dies before election day, or should any certificate of nomination be held insufficient or inoperative by the officer with whom it is required to be filed, or in case any objection made to any certificate of nomination, or to the eligibility of any candidate therein named, is sustained by the board appointed to determine such questions, the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned may be filled by the convention, or caucus, or in such manner as such convention or caucus has previously provided. The vacancy or vacancies shall be filled not less than sixty days prior to the election in the case of nominations required to be filed with the state commissioner, not less than fifty days prior to the election in the case of nominations required to be filed with the commissioner, and not less than thirty-five thirty days prior to the election in the case of nominations required to be filed in the office of the city clerk.

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SEC. 21. Section forty-nine point eight (49.8), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred fourteen (114), is amended by inserting after subsection three (3) the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. Precinct boundaries established by or pursuant to section forty-nine point four (49.4) of the Code, and not changed under subsection one (1) of this section since the most recent federal decennial census, may be changed once during the period beginning January first of the second year following a year in which a federal decennial census is taken and ending June thirtieth of the year immediately following the year in which the next succeeding federal decennial census is taken, if the commissioner recommends and the board of supervisors finds that the change will effect a substantial savings in election costs.

SEC. 22. Section forty-nine point eleven (49.11), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred sixteen (116), is amended to read as follows:

49.11 Notice of boundaries of precincts—merger or division. The board of supervisors or council shall number or name the several precincts established, and cause the boundaries of each to be recorded in the records of said board of supervisors or council, as the case may be, and publish notice thereof in some newspaper of general circulation, published in such county or city, once each week for three consecutive weeks, the last to be made at least thirty days before the next general election. The precincts thus established shall continue until changed in the manner provided by law, except that for any election other than the primary or general election or any special election held under section sixty-nine point fourteen (69.14) of the Code the county commissioner of elections may eensolidate:

1. Consolidate two or more precincts into one. However, he shall not do so if there is filed with him at least twenty days before the election a petition signed by twenty-five or more eligible electors of any precinct requesting that it not be merged with any other precinct. There shall be attached to the petition the affidavit of an eligible elector of the precinct that the signatures on the petition are genuine and that all of the signers are to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief eligible electors of the precinct.

If a special election is to be held in which only those qualified electors residing in a specified portion of any established precinct are entitled to vote, that portion of the precinct may be merged by the commissioner with one or more other established precincts or portions of established precincts for the special election, and the right to petition against merger of a precinct shall not apply.

2. Divide any precinct permanently established under this section which contains all or any parts of two or more mutually exclusive political subdivisions, each of which is independently electing one or more officers on the same date, into two or more temporary precincts and designate a polling place for each.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first unnumbered paragraph of this section the commissioner may consolidate precincts for any election including a primary and general election if one of the

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SEC. 23. Section forty-nine point twelve (49.12), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred seventeen

(117), is amended to read as follows:

49.12 Election boards. There shall be appointed in each election precinct an election board which shall ordinarily consist of three judges and two elerks five precinct election officials. However, in precincts using only one voting machine at any one time, and in precincts voting by paper ballot where no more than one hundred votes were cast in the last preceding similar election, the board shall consist of three judges, two of whom shall also act as elerks, precinct election officials; and in precincts using more than three two voting machines one additional judge precinct election official may be appointed for each such additional machine. Not more than a simple majority of the members of the election board in any precinct shall be members of the same political party or organization if one or more qualified electors of another party or organization are qualified and willing to serve on the board. Double election boards may be appointed for any precinct as provided by chapter fifty-one (51) of the Code.

If double counting boards are not appointed for precincts using paper ballots and using only three precinct election officials a fourth precinct election official shall be appointed from the election board panel to serve beginning at 8:00 P.M. to assist in counting the paper

ballots.

SEC. 24. Section forty-nine point fifteen (49.15), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred nineteen

(119), is amended to read as follows:

Commissioner to draw up election board panel. Not less than twenty days before each primary election, the commissioner shall draw up for each precinct an election board panel from which members of the precinct election board shall be appointed for each election held in the precinct during the ensuing two years. Each panel shall include members of each of the political parties referred to in section fortynine point thirteen (49.13) of the Code, whose names may be designated by the county chairmen of each of these political parties not less than thirty days prior to each primary election. The commissioner may place on the election board panel names of persons known to him to be members of these political parties, if the respective county chairmen fail to designate a sufficient number of names, and may also add names of persons, whether or not they are members of either of these political parties, who have advised him they are willing to serve on the election board for elections in which no candidates appear on the ballot under the heading of either of these political parties, or whom either a school board or the city council of a city of three thousand five hundred or less population has advised the commissioner at least thirty days before each primary election are willing to serve without pay at elections conducted for that school district or city, as the case may be. during the tenure of the election board panel on which these names are included.

SEC. 25. Section forty-nine point sixteen (49.16), subsection two (2), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred twenty (120), is amended to read as follows:

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2. When all or portions of two or more precincts are merged for any election as permitted by section forty-nine point eleven (49.11), subsection one (1), of the Code, the commissioner may appoint the election board for the merged precinct from the election board panels of any of the precincts so merged. When any permanent precinct is divided as permitted by section forty-nine point eleven (49.11), subsection two (2), of the Code, the commissioner shall so far as possible appoint the election board for each of the temporary precincts so created from the election board panel of the permanent precinct.

SEC. 26. Section forty-nine point sixteen (49.16), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred twenty (120), is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. In appointing the election board for any election conducted for any school district or a city of three thousand five hundred or less population, the commissioner may give preference to any persons who are willing to serve without pay at those elections.

SEC. 27. Section forty-nine point twenty (49.20), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred twenty-two (122), is amended to read as follows:

49.20 Compensation of members. The members of election boards shall receive two dollars per hour while engaged in the discharge of their duties and ten cents per mile for actual and necessary travel, except that persons whom the commissioner has been advised prior to their appointment to the election board are willing to serve without pay at elections conducted for any school district or a city of three thousand five hundred or less population shall receive no compensation for service at those elections. Compensation shall be paid to members of election boards only after the vote has been canvassed and it has been determined in the course of such canvass that the election record certificate has been properly executed by the election board.

SEC. 28. Section forty-nine point twenty-one (49.21), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred twenty-three (123), is amended by inserting before unnumbered paragraph one (1) of that section the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. It is the responsibility of the

6 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. It is the responsibility of the 7 commissioner to designate a polling place for each precinct in the 8 county.

SEC. 29. Section forty-nine point twenty-five (49.25), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred twenty-six (126), is amended to read as follows:

In any county or portion of a county where for which voting machines are not in use the have been acquired under section fifty-two point two (52.2) of the Code the commissioner shall determine pur-

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suant to section forty-nine point twenty-six (49.26) of the Code, in advance of each election conducted for any school district or a city of 9 10 three thousand five hundred or less population, and individually for each precinct, whether voting in that election shall be by machine or 11 by paper ballot. The commissioner shall furnish to each precinct 1213 where paper ballots are to be used the necessary ballot boxes, suitably equipped with locks and keys, and shall insure that the number, ar-14 rangement, and construction of voting booths at the polling place in 15 each precinct are as follows: 16

SEC. 30. Section forty-nine point twenty-six (49.26), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred twenty-seven (127), is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

49.26 Commissioner to decide method of voting. When voting machines are available for an election precinct, the commissioner shall determine in advance of each election conducted for any school district or a city of three thousand five hundred or less population in which voting occurs in that precinct whether voting there shall be by machine or paper ballot. If the commissioner concludes, on the basis of voter turnout for recent similar elections and factors considered likely to affect voter turnout for the forthcoming election, that voting will probably be so light as to make preparation and use of paper ballots less expensive than preparation and use of a voting machine, paper ballots shall be used.

SEC. 31. Section forty-nine point twenty-eight (49.28), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred twenty-nine (129), is amended to read as follows:

49.28 Commissioner to furnish registers and supplies. The commissioner shall prepare and furnish to each precinct an election register, and all other books, blanks, materials, and supplies necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Voter registration records shall be kept so that the election register for each precinct contains the names of no electors except those eligible to vote in that precinct. When a precinct lies in more than one political subdivision or district from which any officer is elected, the election register must clearly indicate who are the eligible electors of each political subdivision or district in which the precinct lies. The election register does not need to indicate the eligible electors of school director districts.

SEC. 32. Section forty-nine point thirty (49.30), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred thirty-one (131), is amended to read as follows:

49.30 All candidates on one ballot—exception. The names of all candidates to be voted for in each election precinct, except other than presidential electors, shall be printed on one ballot, except as otherwise required by section forty-six point twenty-two (46.22) of the Code and except that at any election where voting machines are used, and it is impossible to place the names of all candidates on the machine ballot, the commissioner may provide a separate printed ballot for the candi-

dates for judge of district court and the township ticket, or either; one of each of said printed ballots to be furnished each qualified voter.

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SEC. 33. Section forty-nine point forty-nine (49.49), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

49.49 Printing of ballots on public measures. All of such ballots for the same polling place shall be of the same size, similarly printed, upon yellow colored paper. On the back of each such ballot shall be printed appropriate words, showing that such ballot relates to a constitutional or other question to be submitted to the electors, so as to distinguish the said ballots from the official ballot for candidates for office, and a facsimile of the signature of the auditor or other officer commissioner who has caused the ballot to be printed.

SEC. 34. Section forty-nine point fifty-three (49.53), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred thirty-eight (138), is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

49.53Publication of ballot and notice. The commissioner shall not less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the day of each election, except those for which different publication requirements are prescribed by law, publish notice of the election. The notice shall contain a sample ballot of the first rotation as prescribed by section fortynine point thirty-one (49.31), unnumbered paragraph two (2), of the Code and shall show the names of all candidates or nominees and the office each seeks, and all public questions, to be voted upon at the election. The notice shall also state the date of the election, the hours the polls will be open, the location of each polling place at which voting is to occur in the election, and the names of the precincts voting at each polling place. The notice shall be published in at least one newspaper, as defined in section six hundred eighteen point three (618.3) of the Code, which is published in the county or other political subdivision in which the election is to occur or, if no newspaper is published there, in at least one newspaper of substantial circulation in the county or political subdivision. For the general election or the primary election the foregoing notice shall be published in at least two newspapers published in the county representing, if possible, the two political parties whose candidates for president of the United States or for governor, as the case may be, received the largest and next largest number of votes in the county at the last preceding general election. However, if there is only one newspaper published in the county, publication in one newspaper shall be sufficient.

SEC. 35. Section forty-nine point fifty-four (49.54), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred thirty-nine (139), is amended to read as follows:

49.54 Cost of publication of ballet. For The cost of the publication of the efficial ballet and accompanying notice in the manner required by section forty-nine point fifty-three (49.53) of the Code, the eest shall not exceed an amount determined by the director of the state department of general services or his designee.

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SEC. 36. Section forty-nine point fifty-seven (49.57), subsection five (5), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred forty-two (142), is amended to read as follows:

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5. On the outside of the ballot, so as to appear when folded, shall be printed the words "Official ballot", followed by the designation name and location of the polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of the election, and a facsimile of the signature of the commissioner who has caused the ballot to be printed.

SEC. 37. Section forty-nine point seventy-three (49.73), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred fifty-three (153), is amended to read as follows:

Time of opening and closing polls. At all elections, except as otherwise permitted by this section, the polls shall be opened at seven o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as vacancies in the places of judges or elerks of on the precinct election board have been filled. The commissioner may direct that the polls be opened at twelve o'clock noon for any election conducted for any school district or a city of three thousand five hundred or less population at which he concludes, on the basis of voter turnout for recent similar elections and factors considered likely to affect voter turnout for the forthcoming election. that voting will probably be so light as to justify shortened voting hours for that election, except that the commissioner shall not do so for any election if there is filed in the commissioner's office, at least twenty days before the election, a petition signed by at least fifty eligible electors of the school district or city, as the case may be, requesting that the polls not be opened later than seven o'clock a.m. All polling places where the candidates of or any public question submitted by any one political subdivision are being voted upon shall be opened at the same hour. The hours at which the respective precinct polling places are to open shall not be changed after publication of the notice required by section forty-nine point fifty-three (49.53) of the Code. In all cases the polling places shall be closed at eight o'clock p.m.

SEC. 38. Section forty-nine point eighty-two (49.82), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

49.82 Voter to receive one ballot—endorsement by judge. One of the judges of precinct election officials shall give the voter one ballot and only one of each of the ballots to be voted at that election in that precinct, except as provided by section forty-nine point one hundred (49.100) of the Code, on the back of which a judge precinct election official shall endorse his initials, in such manner so that they may be seen when the ballot is properly folded. No ballot without said the required official endorsement shall be deposited in the ballot box. The voter's name shall immediately be checked on the registry list.

SEC. 39. Section forty-nine point eighty-four (49.84), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred sixty-two (162), is amended to read as follows:

49.84 Marking and return of ballot. On receipt of the ballot, the voter shall, without leaving the enclosed space, immediately retire alone to one of the voting booths, and without delay mark his ballot, and,

8 before leaving the voting booth, shall fold the same in such manner 9 ballot so as to conceal the marks thereon, and deliver the same it to 10 one of the judges of precinct election officials. No identifying mark or 11 symbol shall be endorsed on the back of his ballot.

SEC. 40. Section forty-nine point eighty-five (49.85), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

49.85 Depositing ballots. One of the judges of precinct election officials shall at once, after receiving the ballot, in the presence of the voter, deposit such ballot it in the ballot box and the voter shall quit said enclosed space as seen as he has voted.

SEC. 41. Chapter forty-nine (49), Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new section:

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NEW SECTION. Optional authority for certain city elections. The commissioner may appoint unpaid election precinct officials to election boards, as provided by sections forty-nine point fifteen (49.15), forty-nine point sixteen (49.16) and forty-nine point twenty (49.20) of the Code, elect not to use voting machines even though they are available, as permitted by section forty-nine point twenty-six (49.26) of the Code, and direct that the polls be opened at twelve o'clock noon, as permitted by section forty-nine point seventy-three (49.73) of the Code, for any election held for a city, regardless of the city's population, if there is no contest for any office on the ballot and no public question is being submitted to the voters at that election.

SEC. 42. Section fifty point eight (50.8), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred eighty-three (183), is amended to read as follows:

50.8 Error on state or district office—tie vote. If the error be in relation to a district or state office, it shall be certified with the number of the excess to the state eanvessers commissioner. If the error affects the result of the election, the canvass shall be suspended and a new vote ordered in the precinct where the error occurred. When there is a tie vote due to such an excess, there shall be a new election. No person who was not a qualified elector in that precinct at the time of the general election shall be allowed to vote at such special election. When the new vote is taken and returned, the canvass shall be completed.

SEC. 43. Section fifty point nineteen (50.19), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred ninety-one (191), is amended to read as follows:

50.19 Preservation of books—when destroyed. The commissioner shall file precinct election registers, and the registry lists and other papers pertaining to registration, together with the affidavits declarations of eligibility signed by voters at the election, in his office and preserve the same for four years and until the determination of any contest then pending, after which they shall be destroyed.

SEC. 44. Section fifty point twenty-seven (50.27), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred ninety-six (196), is amended to read as follows:

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Declaration of election. Each abstract of the votes for such officers as the county alone elects at the general election, except district judges and senators and representatives in the general assembly, or of the votes for officers of political subdivisions whose elections are conducted by the commissioner, shall contain a declaration of whom the canvassers determine to be elected. Each abstract of votes for and against each public question submitted to and decided by the voters of 9 10 11 the county alone, or of a single political subdivision whose elections the county board canvasses, shall contain a declaration of the result as determined by the canvassers. When a public question has been sub-1213 14 mitted to the voters of a political subdivision whose elections the county board canvasses, the commissioner shall certify a duplicate of 15 16 17 the abstract and declaration to the governing body of the political 18 subdivision.

SEC. 45. Section fifty point thirty-seven (50.37), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred five (205), is amended to read as follows:

50.37 State canvassing board. The executive council shall constitute a board of canvassers of all abstracts of votes required to be filed with the state commissioner, except for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. No member of such board shall take part in canvassing the votes for an office for which he is a candidate. Any clerical error found by the state board of canvassers shall be corrected by the county commissioner in a letter addressed to the state board of canvassers.

SEC. 46. Section fifty point thirty-nine (50.39), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

50.39 Abstract. It shall make an abstract stating, in words written at length, the number of ballots cast for each office, the names of all the persons voted for, for what office, the number of votes each received, and whom it declares to be elected, and if a public question has been submitted to the voters of the state, the number of ballots cast for and against the question and a declaration of the result as determined by the canvassers; which abstract shall be signed by the canvassers in their official capacity and as state canvassers, and have the seal of the state affixed.

SEC. 47. Section fifty point forty-two (50.42), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred seven (207), is amended to read as follows:

50.42 Certificates mailed. The state commissioner shall prepare and deliver or mail certificates of election to the persons declared elected.

SEC. 48. Section fifty-two point nine (52.9), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred twenty-four (224), is amended to read as follows:

The commissioner having jurisdiction of any precinct for which the board of supervisors has adopted voting by machine shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, provide for the precinct polling place one or

more voting machines in complete working order, and shall thereafter 9 keep them in repair, and shall have the custody thereof and of the 10 furniture and equipment of the polling place when not in use at an 11 election. The machines shall be used for voting at all elections unless 12 the commissioner directs otherwise pursuant to section forty-nine point twenty-six (49.26) of the Code. If it shall be impracticable to 13 14 supply each and every election precinct for which machine voting has 15 been adopted with a voting machine or voting machines at any election following such adoption, as many may be supplied as it is practicable 16 to procure, and the same may be used in such election precincts as the 17 18 commissioner may direct.

SEC. 49. Section fifty-two point thirteen (52.13), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred twenty-six (226), is amended to read as follows:

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SEC. 50. Section fifty-two point sixteen (52.16), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred twenty-eight (228), is amended to read as follows:

Duties of election officers-independent ballots. The election board of each precinct in which votes are to be cast by machine shall meet at the precinct polling place, at least one hour before the time set for the opening of the polls at each election, and shall proceed to arrange within the guardrail the furniture, stationery, and voting machine for the conduct of the election. The judges board shall cause at least two instruction cards to be posted conspicuously within the polling place. If not previously done, they shall arrange, in their proper place on the voting machine, the ballots containing the names of the offices to be filled at such election, and the names of the candidates nominated therefor. If not previously done, the machine shall be so arranged as to show that no vote has been cast, and the same shall not be thereafter operated, except by electors in voting. Before the polls are open for election, each judge the board shall carefully examine every machine and see that no vote has been cast, and the same shall be subject to inspection of the election officers. Ballots voted for any person whose name does not appear on the machine as a nominated candidate for office, are herein referred to as independent ballots. When two or more persons are to be elected to the same office. and the machine requires that all independent ballots voted for that office be deposited in a single receptacle or device, an elector may vote in or by such receptacle or device for one or more persons whose names do not appear upon the machine with or without the names of one or more persons whose names do so appear. With that exception, and except for presidential electors, no independent ballot shall be voted for any person for any office whose name appears on the machine

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as a nominated candidate for that office; any independent ballot so 32 voted shall not be counted. An independent ballot must be cast in its appropriate place on the machine, or it shall be void and not counted. 33

SEC. 51. Section fifty-two point twenty-two (52.22), Code 1973, unnumbered paragraph one (1), as amended by the Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred thirty (230), is amended to read as fol-

The judges of election shall, as soon as the count is completed and fully ascertained as in this chapter required, lock the machine against voting, and it shall so remain until thirty days after the proclamation of the results of said election, except that it shall remain locked only ten days after a primary election, including a city primary election, if such election is not contested. However, if the machines in any precinct are so constructed as to deliver, immediately upon conclusion of the voting at any election, multiple copies of a printed record of the votes cast and the totals for each candidate or question appearing on the face of the machine, the machines may be unlocked upon expiration of the time for requesting a recount of votes in a primary election or for contesting any other election, immediately following the canvass of votes unless the precinct election board informs the commissioner that the printed record produced by the machine is smeared, torn or otherwise unreadable. In the latter case, the machines shall be kept locked for the period of time prescribed for machines which do not print such a record.

SEC. 52. Section fifty-two point twenty-five (52.25), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred thirty-three (233), is amended to read as follows:

52.25 Summary of amendment or public measure. The question of a constitutional convention, amendments and public measures including bond issues may be voted on the voting machines in the following man-

The entire convention question, amendment or public measure shall be printed and displayed prominently in at least two places within the voting precinct and on the left-hand side inside the curtain of each voting machine, said printing to be in conformity with the provisions of chapter 49. The public measure shall be summarized by the auditor er eity elerk commissioner and in the largest type possible printed on the inserts used in said voting machines, except in the case of the question of a constitutional convention, or of an amendment or measure to be voted on in more than one county, the summary to be placed in the voting machine inserts shall be worded by the state commissioner of elections as required by section forty-nine point forty-four (49.44) of the Code.

Section fifty-three point two (53.2), unnumbered para-SEC. 53. graph three (3), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred thirty-five (235), is amended to read as follows: Each application shall contain the name and signature of the qualified elector, the address at which he is qualified to vote, and the name or date of the election for which the absentee ballot is requested, and such other information as may be necessary to determine the correct absentee ballot for the qualified elector. If insufficient information has been provided, the commissioner shall, by the best means available, obtain the additional necessary information.

SEC. 54. Section fifty-three point eleven (53.11), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred thirty-eight (238), is amended to read as follows:

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53.11 Personal delivery of absentee ballot. The commissioner shall deliver an absentee ballot to any qualified elector applying in person at his office not more than forty days before the date of the general election and or the primary election, and for all other elections, as soon as the ballot is available. The qualified elector shall immediately mark the ballot, enclose it in a ballot envelope with proper affidavit, and return the absentee ballot to the commissioner. The commissioner shall record the numbers appearing on the application and ballot envelope along with the name of the qualified elector. The commissioner of any county in which there is located a city of twenty-five thousand or more population, which is not the county seat, may permit qualified electors to appear in person at some designated place within each such city and there cast an absentee ballot in the manner prescribed by this section.

SEC. 55. Section fifty-three point seventeen (53.17), unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred forty-one (241), is amended to read as follows:

An applicant who is a resident or patient in a health care facility or hospital located in the county to which the application has been submitted shall have his absentee ballot delivered to him by one member of each of the political parties referred to in section forty-nine point thirteen (49.13) of the Code, who shall be appointed by the commissioner from the panel drawn up as provided by section forty-nine point fifteen (49.15) of the Code for the special precinct established by section fifty-three point twenty-three (53.23) of the Code. The persons so appointed by the commissioner shall be notaries public and shall be sworn in the manner provided by section forty-nine point seventy-five (49.75) of the Code for election board members. They may assist the qualified electors in filling out the ballot as provided in section forty-nine point ninety (49.90) of the Code. The voted absentee ballots shall be deposited in a sealed container which shall be returned to the commissioner on the same day.

SEC. 56. Section fifty-three point twenty-three (53.23), unnumbered paragraphs two (2) and three (3), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred forty-five (245), are amended to read as follows:

The election board of the special precinct shall be known as the absentee ballot counting board. There shall be only one absentee ballot counting board existing at any time in each county, and when two or more political subdivisions in the county hold elections simultaneously

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the absentee ballot counting board shall count absentee ballots cast in all of the elections so held. The commissioner shall appoint the absentee ballot counting board in the manner prescribed in sections 49.12 and 49.15 forty-nine point thirteen (49.13) of the Code, except that the number of precinct election judges and elerks officials on the absentee ballot counting board shall be sufficient to complete the counting of absentee ballots by nine o'clock p.m. and

The commissioner shall set the convening time for the absentee ballot counting board, allowing a reasonable amount of time to complete counting the absentee ballots prior to closing of the polls that hour. The commissioner may direct the board to meet on the day prior to the election solely for the purpose of reviewing the absentee voters' affidavits appearing on the sealed ballot envelopes, if in the commissioner's judgment this procedure is necessary due to the number of absentee ballots received, but under no circumstances shall a sealed ballot envelope be opened before the board convenes on election day.

SEC. 57. Section fifty-three point forty-nine (53.49), Code 1973, is amended by striking unnumbered paragraph three (3).

SEC. 58. Section sixty-nine point eleven (69.11), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

69.11 Tenure of vacancy appointee. An officer filling a vacancy in an office which is filled by election of the people shall continue to hold until the next regular election at which such vacancy can be filled as provided by section sixty-nine point twelve (69.12) of the Code, and until a successor is elected and qualified. Appointments to all other offices, made under this chapter, shall continue for the remainder of the term of each office, and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

SEC. 59. Section sixty-nine point twelve (69.12), Code 1973, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

69.12 Officers elected to fill vacancies—tenure. When a vacancy occurs in any elective office of a political subdivision of this state, and a method for electing a person to the vacant office for the remainder of the unexpired term is not otherwise provided by law, the vacancy shall be filled pursuant to this section. As used in this section, "pending election" means any election at which there will be on the ballot either the office in which the vacancy exists, or any other office to be filled or any public question to be decided by the voters of the same political subdivision.

1. If the unexpired term in which the vacancy occurs has more than seventy days to run after the date of the next pending election, the vacancy shall be filled as follows:

a. A vacancy occurring forty or more days prior to the next pending election shall be filled at that election. The fact that absentee ballots were distributed or voted before the vacancy occurred or was declared shall not invalidate the election.

b. A vacancy occurring less than forty days prior to the next pending election shall be filled by appointment as provided by law until the succeeding pending election.

2. When the unexpired term of office in which the vacancy occurs will expire within seventy days after the date of the next pending

election, or after the date of a preceding election in which that office 25 26 was on the ballot, the person elected to the office for the succeeding 27 term shall also be deemed elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired 28 term. If the vacancy is on a multi-member body to which more than 29 one nonincumbent is elected for the succeeding term, the nonencumbent* who received the most votes shall be deemed elected to fill the 30 31 remainder of the unexpired term. A person so elected to fill an unexpired term shall qualify within the time required by sections sixty-32 33 three point three (63.3) and sixty-three point eight (63.8) of the Code. 34 Unless other requirements are imposed by law, qualification for the 35 unexpired term shall also constitute qualification for the full term to 36 which the person was elected.

Section two hundred seventy-three point five (273.5), SEC. 60. Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hun-

dred fifty-eight (258), is amended to read as follows:

273.5Nomination papers. Nomination papers in behalf of a candidate for member of the county board of education shall be filed with the county superintendent of schools not more than sixty-five days, nor less than forty days prior to the election at which a member is to be elected. Nomination petitions shall be filed not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last day for filing. Each candidate shall be nominated by a petition signed by not less than twenty-five eligible electors of the area from which a member is to be elected, which petition shall state the name of the area from which a member is to be elected, the office to which he is to be elected, the name of the candidate and that he is a resident and elector in the named area. Signers of the petition shall, in addition to signing their names, show their residence, including street and number, if any, the school district in which they reside, and the date of signing, and each nomination paper shall have appended to it an affidavit of an elector other than the candidate in substantially the form provided in section 43.17 except as to the party affiliation. The petition shall include the affidavit of the candidate being nominated, stating his name, his residence, that he is a candidate and is eligible for the office he seeks, and that if elected he will qualify for the office.

The county superintendent of schools shall deliver all nomination petitions to the county commissioner of elections not later than five o'clock p.m. on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed. Any person on whose behalf nomination petitions have been filed under this section may withdraw as a candidate by filing a signed statement to that effect with the commissioner at any time prior to five o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first day before the

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> 273.7 Canvass. Within five days following the election, the county 4

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district, to the county board of education on forms provided therefor, and to the county board of supervisors, which shall meet at eight o'clock a.m. on the last Monday in September, and canvass the vote 8 9 10 and the county commissioner of elections shall issue certificates of 11 election.

SEC. 62. Section two hundred seventy-five point eighteen (275.18), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hun-

dred sixty-one (261), is amended to read as follows:

275.18 Special election called—time. When the boundaries of the territory to be included in a proposed school corporation and the number and method of the election of the school directors of such proposed school corporation have been determined as herein provided, the county superintendent with whom such petition is filed shall call a special election in such proposed school corporation within thirty days from the date of the final determination of such boundaries and serve notice on the county commissioner of elections of the county in the proposed school corporation which has the greatest taxable base in the proposed school corporation. The county commissioner of elections shall give notice of the election by one publication in the same newspaper in which previous notices have been published regarding the proposed school reorganization, and in addition thereto, if more than one county is involved, by one publication in a legal newspaper in each county other than that of the first publication, which publication shall be not less than ten four nor more than fifteen twenty days prior to the election. In the case of joint districts, no notice for an election shall be published until the time for appeal, which shall be the same as that provided in section 285.12, has expired; and in the event of an appeal, not until the same has been disposed of.

SEC. 63. Section two hundred seventy-five point thirty-seven (275.37), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred sixty-six (266), is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Increase in number of directors. At the next succeeding annual school election in a district where the number of directors has been increased from five to seven, and directors are elected at large, there shall be elected a director to succeed each incumbent director whose term is expiring in that year, and two additional directors. Upon organizing as required by section two hundred seventy-nine point one (279.1) of the Code, the newly elected director who received the fewest votes in the election shall be assigned a term of either one year or two years if necessary in order that as nearly as possible one third of the members of the board shall be elected each year.

Section two hundred seventy-five point thirty-eight (275.38), Code 1973, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

275.38 Implementing changed method of election. If change in the method of election of school directors is approved at a regular or special school election, the directors who were serving unexpired terms or were elected concurrently with approval of the change of method

shall serve out the terms for which they were elected. If the plan 9 adopted is that described in section two hundred seventy-five point 10 twelve (275.12), subsection two (2), paragraph b, c or d, of the Code, 11 the board shall at the earliest practicable time designate the districts 12 from which residents are to be elected as school directors at each of the next three succeeding annual school elections, arranging so far as 13 14 possible for elections of directors as residents of the respective dis-15 tricts to coincide with the expiration of terms of incumbent members 16 residing in those districts. If an increase in the size of the board from 17 five to seven members is approved concurrently with the change in 18 method of election of directors, the board shall make the necessary adjustment in the manner prescribed in section two hundred seventy-19 five point thirty-seven (275.37) of the Code, as well as providing for 20 21 implementation of the districting plan under this section.

SEC. 65. Section two hundred seventy-seven point four (277.4), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred sixty-eight (268), is amended to read as follows:

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277.4 Nominations required. Nomination papers for all candidates for election to office in each school district shall be filed with the secretary of the school board not more than sixty-five days, nor less than forty days prior to the election. Nomination petitions shall be filed not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last day for filing. Each candidate shall be nominated by a petition signed by not less than ten qualified eligible electors of the district. To each such petition shall be attached the affidavit of a qualified an eligible elector of the district, other than the candidate being nominated, that all of the signers thereof are electors of such district and that the signatures thereto are genuine. The petition shall include the affidavit of the candidate being nominated, stating his name, his residence, that he is a candidate and is eligible for the office he seeks, and that if elected he will qualify for the office.

The secretary of the school board shall deliver all nomination petitions to the county commissioner of elections not later than five o'clock p.m. on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed. Any person on whose behalf nomination petitions have been filed under this section may withdraw as a candidate by filing a signed statement to that effect with the commissioner at any time prior to five o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first day before the election.

SEC. 66. Section two hundred seventy-seven point twenty-seven (277.27), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

277.27 Qualification. A school officer or member of the board shall, at the time of election or appointment, be a qualified voter an eligible elector of the corporation or subdistrict. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Code, no member of the board of directors of any school district, or his or her spouse, shall receive compensation directly from the school board. No director or spouse affected by this provision on July 1, 1972, whose term of office for which elected has not expired, or whose contract of employment has a fixed date of expiration and has not expired, shall be affected by this provision until the expiration of the term of office to which elected, or the expiration date of the contract for which employed.

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1 SEC. 67. Section two hundred seventy-eight point one (278.1), sub-2 section ten (10), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 10. Authorize the establishment or abandonment of director dis-4 tricts or a change of boundaries of director districts.

SEC. 68. Section two hundred seventy-nine point seven (279.7), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred seventy-three (273), is amended to read as follows:

In any case where a vacancy or vacancies occur among the elective officers or members of a school board and the remaining members of such board have not filled such vacancy within ten days after the occurrence thereof, or when the board is reduced below a quorum for any cause, the secretary of the board, or if there be no secretary, the county superintendent of schools shall call a special election in the district, subdistrict, or subdistricts, as the case may be, to fill such vacancy or vacancies. The county commissioner of elections shall publish the notices required by law for such special elections, which election shall be held not sooner than thirty days nor later than forty days thereafter after the tenth day following the occurrence of the vacancy. In any case where the secretary fails for more than three days to call such election, the county superintendent shall call it.

SEC. 69. Section two hundred eighty A point fifteen (280A.15), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred seventy-seven (277), is amended to read as follows:

Conduct of elections. The nomination of candidates, preparation of ballots, and canvass for all elections of members of the board of directors of an area vocational school or an area community college, except as otherwise directed, shall be conducted in the manner provided in sections 273.5, 273.6, and 273.7 for members of county boards of education. Nomination papers in behalf of a candidate shall be filed with the secretary of the board of the merged area. Each candidate shall be nominated by a petition signed by not less than fifty qualified eligible electors of the district from which the member is to be elected. The election notice shall be published as provided in chapter section forty-nine (49) point fifty-three (49.53) of the Code and the election shall be conducted by the county commissioner of elections pursuant to the provisions of chapters thirty-nine (39) through fiftythree (53) of the Code. The votes cast in the election shall be canvassed by the county board of supervisors and the county commissioner of elections shall issue certificates of election as prescribed in section 273.7. Members elected to the board of directors of a merged area shall qualify by taking the oath of office prescribed in section 277.28.

SEC. 70. Section two hundred eighty A point thirty-nine (280A.39), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred seventy-eight (278), is amended to read as follows:

Any merged area may combine with any adjacent merged area after a favorable vote by the electors of each of the areas involved. If the

boards of directors of two or more merged areas agree to a combination, the question shall be submitted to the electors of each area at a special election to be held on the same day in each area. The special 10 11 election shall not be held within thirty days of any general election. Prior to the special election, the board of each merged area shall notify 12 the county commissioner of elections of the county in which the areat-13 est proportion of the merged area's administrative effices are taxable 14 15 base is located who shall publish notice of the election at least three 16 times, no oftener than once a week, in one or more newspapers of 17 general circulation within the merged area. The two respective county commissioners of elections shall conduct the election pursuant to the 18 19 provisions of chapters thirty-nine (39) through fifty-three (53) of the 20 Code. The votes cast in the election shall be can vassed by the county 21 board of supervisors and the county commissioners of elections who 22 conducted the election shall certify the results to the board of directors 23 of each merged area.

Sec. 71. Section two hundred ninety-six point four (296.4), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 3 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred 4

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19 20 eighty-one (281), is amended to read as follows:

296.4 Notice—ballots. Notice of such the election shall be given by the county commissioner of elections by publication once each week for four weeks in some newspaper published in the district, er, if there is none, in some newspaper published in the county and of general circulation in the district. The notice shall state the date of the election, the hours of opening and closing the polls and the exact location thereof, and the questions to be submitted, and shall be in lieu of any other notice, any other statute to the contrary notwithstanding. The county commissioner of elections shall conduct the election pursuant to the provisions of chapters thirty-nine (39) through fifty-three (53) of the Code and certify the results to the board of directors.

Section two hundred ninety-eight point eighteen (298.18), unnumbered paragraph five (5), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred eighty-two (282), is amended to read as follows:

Notice of such the election shall be given by the county commissioner of elections by publication once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the school corporation, or if there is no newspaper published in the school corporation, in a newspaper published in the county and of general circulation in the school corporation. Such notice shall state the date of the election, the hours of opening and closing the polls and the exact location thereof, and the question to be submitted. The election shall be held on a date not less than five four nor more than twenty days after the last publication of the notice. Such notice shall be sufficient and shall be in lieu of any other notice required by any other statute. At such election the ballot used for the submission of said proposition shall be in substantially the form for submitting special questions at general elections. The county commissioner of elections shall conduct the election pursuant to the provisions of chapters thirty-nine (39) through fifty-three (53) of the Code and certify the results to the board of directors. Such proposition shall not

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be deemed carried or adopted unless the vote in favor of such proposition is equal to at least sixty percent of the total vote cast for and against said proposition at said election. Whenever such a proposition has been approved by the voters of a school corporation as hereinbefore provided, no further approval of the voters of such school corporation shall be required as a result of any subsequent change in the boundaries of such school corporation.

SEC. 73. Section two hundred ninety-eight point twenty-two

(298.22), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

298.22 Form—rate of interest—where registered. All of said bonds shall be substantially in the form provided for county bonds, but subject to changes that will conform them to the action of the board providing therefor; shall run not more than twenty years, and may be sooner paid if so nominated in the bond; be in denomination of net more than one thousand dellars or less than one hundred dellars each; bear a rate of interest not exceeding seven percent per annum, payable semiannually; be signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary of the board of directors; and shall not be disposed of for less than par value, nor issued for other purposes than this chapter provides.

All of said bonds shall be registered in the effice of the county auditer, when issued, shall be delivered to the secretary of the board of directors, who shall register them in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall deliver them when they have been properly counter-

18 signed.

The expenses of engraving and printing of bonds may be paid out of the general fund.

SEC. 74. Section three hundred sixty-three point seven (363.7),

Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

363.7 Wards. Cities may be by ordinance divided into wards, new wards created, or the boundaries changed, but in all cases the boundaries of wards shall follow the boundaries of election precincts and shall be as far as practicable established so as to give all wards an equal population. Any ordinance of annexation entered into or ordinance passed by a city or town or cities and towns prior to the year 1900 that prevents or has prevented an equal population of wards as provided by this section or provides that a specified number of representatives on the city or town council shall represent certain wards may be amended by a simple majority of votes of the existing city or town council, any provisions in the city or town charter, rules, ordinances, or ordinances of annexation notwithstanding.

SEC. 75. Section three hundred sixty-three point eleven (363.11), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred ninety-four (294), is amended to read as follows:

363.11 Candidates—filing. Any person desiring to become a candidate for any elective municipal office shall, not more than sixty-five days nor less than forty days prior to the election, file with the clerk of the municipal corporation a petition signed by qualified veters eligible electors equaling in number at least two percent of the greatest number of votes cast for any candidate for such office at the last regu-

lar municipal election, and in no case less than ten, requesting that his 11 (or her) name be printed upon the official election ballot. When a 12 municipal office is filled by the voters of a ward, signers of a nominat-13 ing petition for a candidate for that office must be eligible electors of 14 15 that ward. Nomination petitions shall be filed not later than five o'clock p.m. on the last day for filing. Provided that any city having a popula-16 tion of ten thousand or less or any town may by ordinance provide that 17 18 all candidates for all elective city or town offices shall be nominated under the provisions of chapter 44 or 45. In such event nomination for 19 20 all such offices in the manner provided for in this chapter shall not be 21 authorized.

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The clerk of the municipal corporation shall deliver all nomination petitions to the county commissioner of elections not later than five o'clock p.m. on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed. Any person on whose behalf nomination petitions have been filed under this section may withdraw as a candidate by filing a signed statement to that effect with the commissioner at any time prior to five o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first day before the election.

Section three hundred sixty-three point twelve (363.12). Code 1973, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Form of petition. A petition filed pursuant to section three hundred sixty-three point eleven (363.11) of the Code shall include the signatures of each of the petitioners, a statement of their places of residence, and the date on which each petitioner signed the petition.

Section three hundred sixty-three point thirteen (363.13). Code 1973, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

363.13 Elector's affidavit. A petition filed pursuant to section three hundred sixty-three point eleven (363.11) of the Code shall include the affidavit of at least one eligible elector, other than the petitioners and the candidate being nominated, stating the affiant's knowledge, information, and belief as to the residence of the petitioners.

SEC. 78. Section three hundred sixty-three point fourteen (363.14), Code 1973, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

363.14 Candidate's affidavit. A petition filed pursuant to section three hundred sixty-three point eleven (363.11) of the Code shall include the affidavit of the candidate being nominated, stating his name, his residence, that he is a candidate for and eligible for the office he seeks, and that if elected he will qualify for the office.

Section three hundred sixty-three point sixteen (363.16), subsection one (1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred ninety-six (296), is amended to read as follows:

1. In cities having a population of more than ten thousand, as shown by the latest federal census, the procedure shall be as follows:

a. If the county commissioner of elections and mayor find that the number of candidates for any office, as shown by candidates' petitions

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filed with the county commissioner of elections, be not more than twice the number of persons that may be elected to said office, said candidates shall be found to be the nominees, and for said office no primary election shall be held. For any office or offices, for which the number of candidates, as shown by the candidates' petitions filed with the county commissioner of elections, is found to be more than twice the number of persons that may be elected to said office or offices, the nominees shall be determined by a municipal primary election, as hereinafter provided. The county commissioner of elections and mayor shall file a written report with the council, stating the nominees for such office or offices, if any, for which no municipal primary election is required, and also stating the office, or offices, if any, for which the nominees shall be determined by a municipal primary election.

b. Any such city, under one hundred thousand population, may by ordinance provide that all candidates for all elective city offices shall be nominated under the provisions of chapter 44 and chapter 45. In such that event neither nomination for all such offices by primary nor a runoff election shall not be authorized, and the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in the election held as required by section three hundred sixty-three point eight (363.8) of the Code shall be

29 declared elected.

SEC. 80. Section three hundred sixty-three point sixteen (363.16), subsection two (2), unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred ninety-six (296), is amended to read as follows:

The provisions of chapters thirty-nine (39) through fifty-three (53) of the Code shall apply to the conduct of run-off elections except that there shall be no added voter registrations accepted for said election but transfers may be accepted until ten days before the election, as now provided under law. If a city provides by ordinance for a runoff election, the county board of supervisors shall publicly canvass the tally lists of the vote cast in the election held by that city pursuant to section three hundred sixty-three point eight (363.8) of the Code, following the procedures prescribed in section fifty point twenty-four (50.24) of the Code, at a meeting to be held beginning at one o'clock p.m. in the afternoon on the day following that city election.

SEC. 81. Section six hundred nine point seven (609.7), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section three hundred ninety-

two (392), is amended to read as follows:

609.7 Apportionment in other counties. The county commissioner of elections, in counties having no appointive jury commission, shall, prior to furnishing the *precinct* election judges officials the election registers, apportion the number of grand and petit jurors to be selected from among the several election precincts, and the talesmen of which there shall be at least two, among the precincts from which the same are to be selected, in each case as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of electors registered in each precinct as shown by the election registers of the last preceding general election. Such apportionment shall be computed on the same basis as provided in section 609.1.

1 SEC. 82. Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, 2 chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), section three (3), subsection one (1), is amended to read as follows:

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1. If notice of an election, hearing, or other official action is required by this Act, the notice must be published at least once, not less than ten four nor more than twenty-five twenty days before the date of the election, hearing, or other action.

SEC. 83. Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), section sixty-four (64), unnumbered paragraph seven (7), as contained in Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section three hundred thirty-one (331), is amended to read as follows:

The city clerk shall deliver all nomination petitions to the county commissioner of elections not later than five o'clock p.m. on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed. Any person on whose behalf nomination petitions have been filed under this section may withdraw as a candidate by filing a signed statement to that effect with the commissioner at any time prior to five o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first day before the election.

SEC. 84. Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), section sixty-five (65), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65. Notice and containing a copy of the ballot for each regular, special, primary, or run-off city election must be published as provided in section three (3) of this Act, except that notice of a regular, primary, or run-off election may be published not less than five four days before the date of the election. The published ballot must contain the names of all candidates, and may not contain any party designations. The published ballot must contain any question to be submitted to the voters.

SEC. 85. Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), section sixty-six (66), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 66. An individual for whom a valid petition is filed becomes a candidate in the regular city election for the office for which he has filed, except that a primary election must be held for offices for which the number of individuals for whom valid petitions are filed is more than twice the number of positions to be filled. However, the:

1. The council may by ordinance choose to have a run-off election, as provided in section sixty-nine (69) of this Act, in lieu of a primary election.

2. If the council has by ordinance chosen to have nominations made in the manner provided by chapter forty-four (44) or forty-five (45) of the Code, neither a primary election nor a runoff election are required.

SEC. 86. Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), section sixty-eight (68), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 68. In a regular city election following a primary, the candidates who receive the highest number of votes cast for the office for which they have filed are elected, to the extent necessary to fill the

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Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), section sixty-nine (69), unnumbered paragraph one (1), is amended to read as follows:

A run-off election may be held only for positions unfilled because of failure of a sufficient number of candidates to receive a majority vote in the regular city election. When a council has chosen a runoff election in lieu of a primary, the county board of supervisors shall publicly canvass the tally lists of the vote cast in the regular city election, following the procedures prescribed in section fifty point twenty-four (50.24) of the Code, at a meeting to be held beginning at one o'clock in the afternoon on the day following the regular city election. Candidates who do not receive a majority of the votes cast for the office for which they have filed, but who receive the highest number of votes cast for that office in the regular city election, to the extent of twice the number of unfilled positions, are candidates in the run-off election.

Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, SEC. 88. chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), section one hundred seven

(107), subsection three (3), is amended to read as follows:

3. Notice of the election must be given by publication once each week for at least three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. The notice must state the date of the election, the hours of opening and closing the polls and the location thereof, and the question to be submitted. The election must be held on a date not less than five four nor more than twenty days after the last publication of the notice. Such notice is sufficient and is in lieu of any other notice required by any other statute. At the election the ballot used for the submission of the proposition must be in substantially the form for submitting special questions at general elections.

Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section ten (10), is amended to read as follows:

NEW SECTION. Officers of cities. The times at which officers of cities shall be elected and their terms of office shall be as provided by or established pursuant to Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 1972 Session, chapter one thousand eighty-eight (1088), sections sixty-one (61) and sixty-two (62). However, the times at which officers of cities and towns shall be elected and their terms of office shall be governed until July 1, 1974 1975 by sections three hundred sixty-three point eight (363.8), three hundred sixty-three point nine (363.9), three hundred sixty-three point ten (363.10), three hundred seventy point one (370.1), three hundred seventy-two point three (372.3) and three hundred eighty point one (380.1), Code 1973, in the respective cities and towns to which these sections are applicable.

SEC. 90. Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section ninety-six (96), unnum-

bered paragraph one (1), is amended to read as follows:

The commissioner shall take bids for any goods and services which will be performed or provided by persons who are not employees of the commissioner and where the costs of such services exceed five thousand dollars per contract in the case of contracts for the printing of ballots or, in the case of other services, two thousand five hundred dollars per contract. No bids shall be required for legal services. The commissioner shall publish notice to bidders, including specifications regarding the goods or services to be purchased or a description of the nature and object of the services to be retained, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county not less than fifteen days before the final date for submission of bids. The commissioner shall also file a copy of the bid specifications in the office of the state commissioner for a period of not less than twenty days prior to the date the bid is let. When competitive bidding procedures are used, the purchase of goods or services shall be made from the lowest responsible bidder which meets the specifications or description of the services needed or the commissioner may reject all bids and readvertise. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, various factors may be considered, including but not limited to the past performance of the bidder relative to quality of product or service, the past experience of the purchaser in relation to the product or service, the relative quality of products or services, the proposed terms of delivery and the best interest of the county.

SEC. 91. Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred six (106), subsection one (1) and paragraph b are amended to read as follows:

1. Mobile deputy registrars shall be appointed by the county commissioner of registration not more than one hundred eighty days prior to any general election or not more than one hundred twenty days prior to any primary, general, or partisan city election, or any election held pursuant to section sixty-nine point fourteen (69.14) of the Code, in accordance with the following guidelines:

b. Each political party shall submit a list of nominees, not later than sixty days prior to the election, and may request not more than one person for each one thousand six hundred (1,600) residents or major fraction thereof in the county to be appointed as mobile deputy

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SEC. 92. Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section four hundred (400), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 400. At each election held after the effective date of this Act and before January 1, 1975 in any county or portion of a county in which registration is not required as a prerequisite to voting, pursuant to section three hundred eighty eight (388) ninety-nine (399) of this Act, there shall be provided to each elector appearing at the polls on election day an opportunity to register to vote in elections to be held

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SEC. 93. Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter two hundred (200), section three (3), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. New Section. Election. A trustee of a regional board shall be elected without regard to political affiliation at the general election by the vote of the electors of his district from a list of nominees, the names of which have been taken from nomination papers filed in accordance with chapter forty-five (45) of the Code in all respects except that they shall be signed by not less than twenty-five qualified voters eligible electors of the respective district. The election shall be administered by the commissioner who has jurisdiction under section forty-seven point two (47.2) of the Code.

SEC. 94. The appointment, pursuant to Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section four hundred (400), as amended by section eighty-five (85) of this Act, of two or more persons in addition to the precinct election officials to register electors at each polling place at the June 4, 1974 primary election shall be mandatory in each county or portion of a county to which Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section three hundred ninety-nine (399), is applicable if on May 15, 1974 the total number of persons in that county or portion of a county who are registered to vote does not equal or exceed ten percent of the total population of that county or portion of a county as shown by the 1970 federal decennial census.

1 Sec. 95. At each precinct located in a county or portion of a county to which Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session.

chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section three hundred ninety-nine (399), is applicable, any elector who seeks to vote the ballot of a political party at the primary election on June 4, 1974, and is challenged on the ground that he has previously registered as an elector of that precinct pursuant to chapter forty-eight (48) of the Code and in so doing made a declaration regarding political party affiliation inconsistent with the affiliation indicated by his request for a primary election ballot, may overcome the challenge by the procedure prescribed in section forty-three point forty-four (43.44) of the Code.

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SEC. 96. The county commissioner of elections of each county to all or any portion of which Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section three hundred ninety-nine (399), is applicable, shall on August 30, 1974 send a report to the state commissioner of elections stating the total number of persons registered to vote in that county or portion of a county as of that date. If the report has not been received by the state commissioner by September 10, 1974 he shall investigate the cause of the delay. If it appears from the report that the number of persons registered to vote in that county or portion of a county is unduly low, the state commissioner shall consult with the county commissioner of the county involved regarding measures which may be employed to encourage registration of eligible electors as voters prior to January 1, 1975.

SEC. 97. The limitations imposed by section forty-nine point eight (49.8) of the Code notwithstanding, a county board of supervisors or city council having jurisdiction over a precinct which includes the places of residence of fewer than fifty qualified electors may prior to July 1, 1975 attach the precinct to an abutting precinct if the attachment is permissible under section forty-nine point three (49.3), subsection two (2), paragraph a, of the Code.

SEC. 98. A school district which has a seven-member board of directors for which the term of office has been shortened by law from four years to three years commencing with the election held September 9, 1975, shall hold elections as follows:

1. At the regular school election held September 9, 1975, two members shall be elected for two-year terms and three members shall be elected for three-year terms.

2. At the regular school election held September 14, 1976, two members shall be elected for three-year terms.

3. At the regular school election held September 13, 1977, two members shall be elected for three-year terms.

SEC. 99. The code editor is directed to:

1. Substitute the term "state commissioner" for each reference to the secretary of state found in sections fifty-two point five (52.5), fifty-four point five (54.5), fifty-five point nine (55.9), fifty-five point eleven (55.11), fifty-five point thirteen (55.13), fifty-five point four-teen (55.14), fifty-five point fifteen (55.15), fifty-five point twenty-one (55.21) and fifty-five point twenty-two (55.22), Code 1973, and to such extent the enumerated sections are amended.

2. Substitute the term "commissioner" for each reference to the county auditor found in sections fifty-three point forty (53.40), fifty-

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- three point forty-one (53.41), fifty-three point forty-two (53.42), fifty-11 five point ten (55.10), fifty-five point eleven (55.11), fifty-five point eighteen (55.18) and three hundred sixty-three point twenty-two 12 13 (363.22), Code 1973, and to such extent the enumerated sections are 14 15 amended.
 - SEC. 100. Section fifty point one (50.1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred eighty (180), is amended to read as follows:
 - Canvass by judges. At every election conducted under chapter forty-nine (49) of the Code, except the primary election provided for by chapter forty-three (43) of the Code, and at every other election unless the law authorizing the election otherwise requires, the vote shall be canvassed at each polling place by the election board in the manner prescribed by this chapter. When the poll is closed, the judges precinct election officials shall forthwith, and without adjournment:
- 13 1. Publicly canvass the vote, and credit each candidate with the 14 number of votes counted for him.

2. Ascertain the result of the vote.

3. Prepare in writing a list of any apparently or possibly erroneous information appearing in the precinct election register.

4. Cause each clerk to Designate two election board members, not members of the same political party, who shall each separately keep a tally list of the count.

Section fifty point eleven (50.11), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred eighty-six (186), is amended to read as follows:

Proclamation of result. When the canvass is completed one of the judges precinct election officials shall publicly announce the total number of votes received by each of the persons voted for, the office for which he is designated, as announced by the elerks designated tally keepers, and the number of votes for, and the number of votes against. any proposition which shall have been submitted to a vote of the people, and he shall communicate said information by telephone or telegraph or in person to the commissioner who is conducting the election immediately upon completion of the canvass; and the commissioner shall remain on duty until such information is communicated to him from each polling place in his county.

SEC. 102. Section fifty point sixteen (50.16), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section one hundred eighty-nine (189), is amended to read as follows:

50.16 Tally list of board. The tally list shall be prepared in writing by the election board, giving, in legibly printed numerals, the whole number of ballots cast for each officer, except those rejected, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes given to each person for each different office; which tally list shall be signed by the judges

precinct election officials, and be substantially as follows:

11 12	At an election at in township, or in precinct of city or township, in county, state of
$\overline{13}$	Iowa, on the day of, there were
14	ballots cast for the office of of which
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SEC. 103. Section fifty-one point one (51.1), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section two hundred nine (209), is amended to read as follows:

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51.1 Election counting board. In all election precincts the board of supervisors may authorize the commissioner to appoint for each primary and general election three additional judges and two five additional election precinct election officials to be known as the election counting board.

SEC. 104. The code editor is directed to change sections forty-three point thirty-eight (43.38), forty-three point forty-four (43.44), fortynine point fifty (49.50), forty-nine point sixty-two (49.62), forty-nine point sixty-seven (49.67), forty-nine point seventy-one (49.71), fortynine point seventy-five (49.75), forty-nine point eighty-seven (49.87), fifty point three (50.3), fifty point four (50.4), fifty point five (50.5), fifty-one point six (51.6), fifty-one point fourteen (51.14), fifty-two point eighteen (52.18), fifty-two point nineteen (52.19) and fifty-two point twenty (52.20), Code 1973, and sections forty-three point thirtysix (43.36), forty-three point forty-two (43.42), forty-three point forty-five (43.45), forty-three point forty-six (43.46), forty-nine point eighteen (49.18), forty-nine point fifty-five (49.55), forty-nine point sixty (49.60), forty-nine point sixty-one (49.61), forty-nine point sixty-four (49.64), forty-nine point sixty-five (49.65), forty-nine point sixty-six (49.66), forty-nine point seventy (49.70), forty-nine point seventy-six (49.76), forty-nine point seventy-seven (49.77), forty-nine point seventy-nine (49.79), forty-nine point eighty (49.80), fortynine point eighty-one (49.81), forty-nine point eighty-three (49.83), forty-nine point eighty-nine (49.89), forty-nine point ninety-one (49.91), forty-nine point one hundred five (49.105), forty-nine point one hundred twenty-four (49.124), fifty point nine (50.9), fifty point twelve (50.12), fifty point seventeen (50.17), fifty-one point three (51.3), fifty-one point four (51.4), fifty-one point five (51.5), fifty-one point seven (51.7), fifty-one point eight (51.8), fifty-one point nine (51.9), fifty-one point twelve (51.12), fifty-two point fifteen (52.15), fifty-two point twenty-one (52.21), fifty-two point twenty-two (52.22), fifty-two point twenty-three (52.23) and fifty-three point twenty-three (53.23), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), by inserting the term "precinct election officials" or "precinct election

- official" or, where it is determined alternative terms are required, 31either the term "election board" or the term "board member" in place 32
- of the term "judge" or the term "clerk" or the term "judges and 33
- clerks" or any similar terms referring to the officers heretofore known
- as precinct judges of election or clerks of election, and to such extent 35 36 the enumerated sections are amended.
- SEC. 105. Sections forty-three point one hundred six (43.106), Code 1973, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 2
- 3 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section fifty-nine
- (59), and fifty point two (50.2), Code 1973, are repealed.
- SEC. 106. If Senate File one thousand one hundred sixty-three 1 (1163) of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1974 Session, is enacted
- 3 into law, sections sixty (60), sixty-one (61) and sixty-nine (69) of this
- Act shall be of no force or effect. 4
- 1 Sections one (1) through fifty-nine (59), sixty-two (62)
- 2 through sixty-eight (68), and seventy (70) through one hundred seven
- 3 (107) of this Act shall take effect and be in force on April 26, 1974
- after its publication in the Muscatine Journal, a newspaper published 4
- in Muscatine, Iowa, and in the West Des Moines Express, a newspaper published in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 24, 1974

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 1399, was published in the Muscatine Journal, Muscatine, Iowa, April 25, 1974, and in the West Des Moines Express, West Des Moines, Iowa, April 25, 1974.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 1102

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

S. F. 1200

AN ACT relating to the campaign disclosure-income tax checkoff law.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-eight (138), section six (6), subsec-2 tion one (1), is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in 3

4 lieu thereof the following:

- 1. Every political committee which receives or expends any amount 5 of money shall file a statement of organization within ten days from 6 the date of its organization. For the purposes of this section, "political committee" means a person or committee, but not a candidate, includ-
- 8 ing a statutory committee which accepts any contributions or makes 9
- 10 any expenditures for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for public office. 11
 - SEC. 2. Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1973 Session, chapter one hundred thirty-eight (138), section six (6), subsection two
 - (2), is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

^{*}See chapter 1172 hereof

^{*}See 65 GA, ch 138, §3